



St. Andrews Primary School

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From the Principal

A modern school looks and works in a completely different way to what you probably experienced at school, teachers no longer work in isolation, collaboration is fundamental to getting things done. The strongest influence on teacher's professional practice is advice from colleagues, and teachers get better by working in teams.

I thought that today, I would share how the staff have been working to ensure that we are learning, providing the highest standard of instruction to your children that we can. Your teachers have been visiting other classes observing each other's practices and attending professional learning workshops in literacy and discussing with each other ways to improve the literacy instruction for your children. They have been videoing and recording their lessons and discussing ways that they could improve how they are questioning and directing the children's learning. All the staff are working and planning in teams, analysing your children's work and closely monitoring the children's progress. They have set benchmarks for your children's literacy and are working diligently towards achieving these goals for the children. It is complex work, and the staff have embraced these new ways of working because of the benefits it provides to the children and to their work as professionals.

My role as principal has changed dramatically during my 15 years as a principal, I am part of this collaboration and I am also learning in a different way to when I was first appointed as principal. One of the best sources of professional learning for me comes via twitter where I am able to share experience and knowledge with other educators around the world.

When you think about it the kindergarten children of 2016 were born in 2010. If their parents were 30 when they were born, they probably left school about 1999. So much of our world has changed since then. Technology and the internet has changed the world and the school life these kindergarten children have commenced should prepare them for a world to come, rather than a world that has been.

The essential skills of the modern schools include collaboration, problem-solving, analytical thinking, creativity and resilience. These skills can be more effectively taught and modelled in a school that should look and feel significantly different from the experience of one teacher and 30 students locked in a room all day learning from texts that will need to be reprinted every couple of years.

Outside the school gate, our young people experience a dynamic, innovative and creative world, yet so often it is a foreign environment. Many educators are now passionate about transforming schools; they are questioning the relevance of the accepted processes of assessment and delivery of content. They are not seeking to transform schools to make their job better or easier; they believe if they are to engage young people as learners then schools must be radically different.

Nostalgia often paints a picture of the school that parents may seek for their children. This picture can be informed by happy memories or the sense that "it didn't do me any harm", to which I want to reply, "but maybe it would in this current age". We need to think differently and use the thinking and demands of this century to ensure that the education we are providing will ensure that the children reach their full potential.

Teachers really need your support and encouragement to keep developing as learners themselves. You can do this by supporting them with home reading, visiting classrooms and helping them, write a kind note occasionally, saying kind things about them in front of your child, being understanding if they make an occasional error.

Enrolment interviews for next years kindergarten has begun. If you have a child commencing school next year now is the time to fill in applications and book an interview. I want our school to be fully utilised and we have some great things happening in terms of improving the facilities in the near future. We also have some fantastic teaching happening in our great school. You need to tell your friends and family.

Kind regards
Michael Tonnet
Principal

Winter Uniforms

Winter uniforms are now available for purchase.

For any further enquiries please contact

Elle: 0421216414

Email: elle@ozfashions.com.au

Trading hours

Monday 8.30-10.00am

Wednesday 8.30-10.00am

Second Hand Uniforms

The second hand uniform shop is open each

Wednesday 8:30am to 9:00am.

Canteen

How to place a lunch order:

Name

Class

Order

Total

Fold bag and ask your child to place in their class basket.

Canteen is open every day.

Sacramental Program Dates for 2016 ... SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

This Program will commence in Term 2 for children in Years 5 & above who have made their First Holy Communion.



Registration Forms may be collected from the Parish Office **from Wednesday 27th April 2016**

[These forms may also be collected from the Parish Office on Sunday 1st May and Sunday 8th May between 9.30 and 11.30am]

Stepping Beyond:

Support for those separated or divorced

CCSS Solo Parent Services "Stepping Beyond" Support Group, is held on the last Tuesday of each month for those struggling through a separation or divorce. **Next Gathering:** 31st May **Venue:** CCSS Centre, 38 Prince St, Blacktown. **Time:** 7.30 – 9.30. Cost:

\$5.00. **Registration:** Rita Ph. 8822 2222

or email: soloparentservices@ccss.org.au

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS Half Yearly Report

Parent Teacher Interviews 2016.

Parents please be advised that next Monday 30th May the parent teacher interview sheet will go live for parents to book in a time to meet with their child's teacher regarding half yearly reports. Parents must not type over another student's name, nor type in a space blacked out by a teacher.

The form will be live until 15th May 3:00pm.

If you wish to use the form on a device such as a phone or tablet, you will need to download the sheets app (it is free) to modify it. You do not need to download the app for use on a laptop.

ITUNES

<https://itunes.apple.com/au/app/google-sheets/id842849113?mt=8>

ANDROID

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.google.android.apps.docs.editors.sheets&hl=en>

Parents please check your child's bag as a note was sent home today with detailed information on how to book your half yearly report interview time.

Seminar - Dealing With The Legal System

Each year CCSS Solo Parent Services offers an Information night for anyone interested in gaining a greater understanding on how to choose the best lawyer for your situation, how best to deal with Lawyers so as to minimize your legal fees and how to protect your rights regarding family assets. This night is being held on Tuesday 7th June from 7.30pm - 9.30pm at CCSS, 38 Prince St, Blacktown. Guest Speaker: Mr Richard Brading, (Solicitor at Wesley Legal Service)

Cost: \$7. **Registration Essential:** Rita Ph. 8822 2222 soloparentservices@ccss.org.au

Sacred Heart Mass 3rd June (9:15am)

At this Mass each year we support the St Vincent de Paul Society with donations of non-perishable food items for the Winter Appeal. If each child only brought in one item we would have over 700 articles that would then be distributed to those in need in our community. Teachers will collect these items in the classroom and then donated to the St. Vincent de Paul Society. New socks, scarves, shawls, beanies and gloves are also always gratefully accepted for distribution to the homeless.

Thank you for your kind support as we teach our children about loving others.

Suggested items for food donation...

Breakfast cereal

Long-life milk, teabags, coffee, hot chocolate

Rice, pasta, noodles

Tinned soup, packet soup mix, cup-a-soup

Sauce, pasta sauce, Asian stir-fry sauce

Tinned fish/meat, vegetables, baked beans, spaghetti

Cordial, fruit juice, poppers

Tins or jars of fruit

Biscuits (sweet or savoury)

And anything else, so long as it is **NON-Perishable**

Please avoid sending items that contain nuts. Thank you



BUILDING CHILD SAFE COMMUNITIES NEW FORMS FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS AND CONTRACTORS

'Building Child Safe Communities' is a new initiative developed by Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta that enhances our commitment to ensuring the safety and wellbeing of all students in our care. It is now a requirement that all volunteers and contractors complete an online undertaking form that confirms expectations in relation to behaviour whilst volunteering or contracting at schools, Catholic Out of Schools Hours Care and Catholic Early Learning Centres. This undertaking form also seeks to determine the suitability of volunteers and contractors by requiring them to declare that they do not have a criminal history involving children.

- **Volunteers** – please click on '[Building Child Safe Communities – Undertaking for Volunteers](#)' or access the form via the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta public webpage <http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au>, then click on 'Child Protection Training Forms' (halfway down page on the right hand side).



Then click on '[Volunteer Form](#)' (halfway down page).

You will receive a confirmation email once the form has been submitted. Your details are maintained confidentially in a central database and a copy of your confirmation is emailed to the location where you are volunteering.

- **Contractors** – please click on '[Building Child Safe Communities – Undertaking for Contractors](#)' or access the form via the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta public webpage <http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au>, then click on 'Child Protection Training Forms' (halfway down page on the right hand side).



Then click on '[Contractor Form](#)' (bottom of page).

You will receive a confirmation email once the form has been submitted. Your details are maintained confidentially in a central database and a copy of your confirmation is emailed to the location where you are contracting.

A new form is required:

- For each location that you are a volunteer or contractor
- If any of the details you have provided on the form change

We thank all volunteers and contractors for their continued support of Catholic Education.

Crunch and Sip

Our **Crunch and Sip** program assists children to 'refuel' on fruit and salad vegetables and 'rehydrate' with water. Research clearly shows that students who are not hungry and are well hydrated perform better in the classroom, show increase concentration, and are less likely to be irritable and disruptive. We thank parents who are currently supporting the daily program and encourage those who are not to reflect on some children's writing about CRUNCH AND SIP.

Crunch and Sip is an extremely good program because you get energy from your fruit and vegetables.

Taylan 5 Green

Crunch and Sip provides a great opportunity to ensure children are eating healthy by re-fueling their bodies with water, fruit and vegetables.

Hannah 5 Green

I believe that Crunch and Sip is a great program because it keeps children healthy. If children don't drink enough water or eat enough fruit and vegetables, they could get sick or dehydrated.

Alessandra 5 Green

From my experience Crunch and Sip is a very helpful program because it encourages parents to buy fruit and vegetables so we can feel stronger and less hungry.

Alyssa 5 Green

I believe Crunch and Sip is a great program that refuels, rehydrates and energizes kids.

Finlay 5 Green

Last year St Andrews introduced Crunch and Sip to all students and we're all loving it because it keeps us healthy and rehydrates us.

Patrick 5 Green

I had an apple for
Crunch and Sip. Jaxson Yr1



Parents and Friends

Good morning all Parents and friends to term 2 edition 2 of the P&F update. AS the temperature has shifted make sure you stay warm with a hot (Insert your favourite drink here).... and sit back and read your favourite fortnightly update and that is the St Andrews Newsletter

In the last newsletter we reminded you all of the Sacred Heart Mass as well as to look out for a very important flyer going home with your child this week. It's requesting your feedback as per below.

Upcoming Events – On the 3rd of June there will be a Sacred Heart Mass and morning tea will be organised by the P&F. We would like to extend a warm welcome to all parents, grandparents and friends of St Andrews to come along and have a tea or coffee with parishioners. This is a great community event and I have heard the special cakes and snacks, that the Amazing Rosa will be organizing, is in itself something not to be missed.



Parent Feedback –

Last week we requested feedback from all Parents and Friends on what was most important to you and so far the feedback is leaning towards number 3 Raising Children – **please see flyer to be sent out this week with your kids** for last chance to pick the most important subject for your family and have an expert in the field come and present to all Parents and friends . As per the flyer can you please email to katiemckibbins@gmail.com before 8th June

1. Active Kids – focus on movement, activity and diet ., what is in the food we eat , what foods will aid in learning.
2. Cyber Bullying – focus on safety online , what is my role as a parent , how can I safeguard from cyber bullying.
3. Raising Children – previously known Author Michael Grose has presented to the parents of St Andrews about being effective parents , how to raise confident resilient kids and this topic is so important we have added it again.

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OK last newsletter we talked about the breaking NEWS – I left some clues so did anyone guess #ginger #bringbackthebread

No its not a new diet with extra carbs as one of the readers said.

No it was not an old folks tale to hide the flavor of medicines with kids .

More along the lines of wait for it GINGERBREAD HOUSES!!!

Now, the details are still pending but with enough excitement later in the year - we will be bring back the GINGERBREAD HOUSE challenge.



The second breaking news was the election day, see below for last weeks update the P& F think it's a great idea to catch up either afternoon / evening to discuss how we can maximize the day with a BBQ



Item 2 is St Andrews hall will be used for the elections on July 2nd , this is a great opportunity to raise some money through cake stands and a BBQ as the whole community will be walking through the school . I will add some details into next newsletter regarding a planning committee for this to maximize the benefits of election day, if anyone would like to come forward to help on the BBQ or have ideas for the day please email or call .



Student of the Week



K Blue	Joseph Bacha	Damanpreet Sharma
K Green	Holli Langley	Name Withheld
K Red	Jayden Tarra	Manveer Gill
K Yellow	Kai Wei He	Linda Lukasa
1 Blue	Yoanna Gubreial	Ebonie Em
1 Green	Elijah Andrew	Isaac Consolini
1 Red	Name Withheld	Gurjaap Singh
1 Yellow	Name Withheld	Aarish Singh
2 Blue	Name Withheld	Elaina Quinn
2 Green	Amelia Manks	Name Withheld
2 Red	Maleli Smith	Edgar Tovmasian
2 Yellow	Nicholas Bova	Katelyn Wichman
3 Blue	Lorenzo Magpayo	Name Withheld
3 Green	Name Withheld	Shalynn Charan
3 Red	Diya Shah	Name Withheld
3 Yellow	Maria Biliniewicz	Lara Kearns
4 Blue	Aldrin Bongolan	Vianney Rodrigues
4 Green	Hudson Toenroe	Aria Honarpisheh
4 Red	Jarrold Alsford	Jasper Cortez
4 Yellow	Jackson Baker	Bryce Vinensig
5 Blue	Vironika Raman	Bishoy Ebrahim
5 Green	Jordan Gutierrez	Nathania Perera
5 Yellow	Maraia Pickering	Vy Tong
6 Blue	Raminder Saund	Jacob Guloy
6 Green	Marcus Tayson	Dev Batra
6 Red	Matthew Esmores	Jonathan Orlowski
6 Yellow	Patrick Felipe	Kiara Lomibao

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Monday
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SCHOOL HOLIDAY MUSIC WORKSHOPS

2-Day Concert Band Workshop

Tone, Technique and Timing: This 2-day intensive workshop is for beginner and intermediate students (up to Grade 3) who play a concert band instrument. The workshop will focus on ensemble and performance technique, culminating in a concert showcasing the pieces developed throughout the two days. Student musicians from Years 3 to 12 (aged 8 to 18) who play one of the following concert band instruments from an approximate standard of AMEB preliminary to Grade 3 are invited to apply: Piccolo, Flute, Oboe, Clarinet, Bass Clarinet, Bassoon, French Horn, Trumpet, Trombone, Tuba, Timpani and Percussion (including drums).

2-Day Strings Workshop

All about the Bow: Calling all beginner and intermediate students who play Violin, Viola, Cello or the Double Bass! These exciting sessions will address bowing techniques, ensemble playing and pitch in a relaxed, fun environment. The focus of the workshop will be ensemble technique and performance technique and will culminate in a concert showcasing the pieces developed throughout the two days. Applications are open to student musicians from Years 3 to 12 (aged 8 to 18) who play an orchestral string instrument from an approximate standard of AMEB preliminary to Grade 3.

Note: It is expected that participants will attend both days of the workshop.

Dates: Monday July 11 and Tuesday July 12, 9am-3pm
Venue: Christina Creede Music Centre at Our Lady of Mercy College
Parramatta, Ross Street, North Parramatta (Enter via Gate 3)
Ages: Year 3 – Year 12
Cost: \$150 per workshop (current OLMC students)
\$180 plus GST per workshop (non OLMC students)

Bookings: Bookings are essential. Book online at: olmc.nsw.edu.au/the-academy/apply-now

Enquiries: music@olmc.nsw.edu.au or 02 8838 1288



TERM 2

Week	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1 Newsletter Week	25 April ANZAC DAY Public Holiday	26 Staff return to school	27 Children return to school Term 2	28	29
2	2 May	3	4	5 Mothers Day Stall	6 Mothers Day Stall Kindergarten Liturgy 9:30am in Library
3 Newsletter Week	9 P&F Meeting 7pm Girls Choir Visit 2:30pm Children wear full winter uniform	10 NAPLAN—Language Conventions and Writing	11 NAPLAN—Reading	12 NAPLAN—Numeracy	13 St Andrews Assembly 2R & 2G
4	16	17 Athletics Carnival	18	19	20
5 Newsletter Week	23	24	25	26	27
6	30	31 1 Blue Picture Book Party 10am –11am	June 1	2	3 St Andrews Assembly 3G & 3B Sacred Heart Mass 9:15am
7 Newsletter Week	6	7	8	9	10 Staff Development Day
8	13 Public Holiday	14	15	16	17 Reports go home
9 Newsletter Week	20 Parent/Teacher Interviews	21 Stage 2 Disco Parent/Teacher Interviews	22 Infants Disco Parent/Teacher Interviews	23 Stage 3 Disco	24 St Andrews Assembly KB & KR
10	27	28	29	30	July 1 Last Day Term 2